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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of December 19, 2002.

AMENDMENTSIn the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A process for cutting a glass sheet, comprising the steps of:

heat treating a glass sheet to be cut by first applying at least one laser beam onto a surface of the glass sheet and scanning the laser beam along a cutting line along which the glass sheet is to be cut, so that a sheet portion including said cutting line may be heated to a temperature equal to, or above a glass transition point of the glass sheet, and then cooling the sheet portion to thereby cause the sheet portion to protrude from the remaining portion of the

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